

## BANDITS LINE UP 11 PERSONS ALONG WALL; LOOT VAULT

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 31.—The Farmers and Merchants National bank of Benson, a suburb of this city, was the scene of a daring holdup shortly before noon today when four unmasked robbers secured a total of \$115,000 from the vault and made their escape despite the fact that at the time of the robbery six employees

The robbers, wearing masks, made no effort to conceal their identity, entered the bank quietly, and drawing revolvers, lined the employees and five other persons in the building at the altar against the wall. While the 11 persons were kept covered by the menacing pistols of two of the robbers, the other two men entered the vault, calmly looting it of all cash.

## LEGAL CONDUCT

**Attorney Maintains His Action in Elardo Case and Other Litigation Was in Conformity With Law**

**With Proper Conduct.** The Cohrs, attorneys, made defendant in a petition for disbarment by a committee named by the Memphis Bar association Wednesday. Filed answer to the charges. The committee's action made against him, denying that he has been guilty of such conduct.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 21.—The bandits entered a meat market and holding the proprietors at bay with revolvers, demanded \$10,000 in money from the state. A general

Elardo agreed on fee of \$500. But he later learned that the firm was bent for services of a local council on Fremont, Ohio, to assist him as well as the firm. Elardo then told the council that Elardo paid him cash \$245, and a certificate of deposit in the bank for \$250. Elardo promised to raise the balance of the fee.

Elardo emphatically denies that he took no step toward representing Elardo or that he did not concern himself further with the case or that he was negligent of the rights of his client.

or dismissed the idea of going to Europe next winter, to develop his business. He appeared at the trial after Elardo had been taken back to the place where he had committed murder.

Only in his answer to the examiner the charge of murder was denied. He made no other statement, and to the gambling case.

**Says Eye Full.**

**Wood & Mort Deaths Said**  
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Three negroes—Wooten, a 30-year-old married man, and two others, who were arrested in Memphis in April, 1918, and who held without a warrant on a charge of kidnapping, were taken to the Hot Springs authorities. The Hot Springs police, who are of the same lineage, it was said, had some knowledge of the negroes. They loved another negro named J. C. Wooten, but the negroes and Wooten, who says he got the negroes released on their own recognizances, are not connected.

refused to hand an order for the arrest and jewelry which they held. He stated that he procured their release for the purpose of aiding them in obtaining extradition to Arkansas or to prevent the recovery of the stolen jewelry taken from them.

It was said that he had reason to believe that the man named and person procured in pursuance to a conspiracy (Waddell) the man alleged to have been the driver of the truck, officers, and that they were attempting to obtain extradition to Arkansas on a fake check.

**Money Is Recovered.**

Upon refusal of the police to give up the men's money, Cohn says, he being a criminal lawyer, procured the services of a private investigator to locate the money. The investigator located the money to the fee which the men paid him.

His lawyer went to the chancery court in Jackson, Miss., to get a writ of habeas corpus, but was charged that he did not intend to return to the negroes any surplus of his share of the profits and the justice of the peace refused to sign the writ.

After their release, and while the Arkansas authorities were seeking to get the registration papers for the return of the freedmen to Springs Bay, the two men, who had been in prison there, but remained in Memphis, respondent again. Wardell, the alleged victim of the robbery, said that he had been charged with the robbery of a pair of shoes.

Charges of larceny and violating interior law were preferred by Detective Wardell.

as an intervening defendant in the case. He was arrested in the harbor in the suit were roving, gambling and grog.

He denies that in this case, as in the Elard case, he was guilty of any sort of illegal process, but on the contrary, the court, the district attorney sustained the process and granted the release of the defendant.

He denies that by improper methods or relations with criminals he prevented the trial of the stolen goods.

John Philip C. Herlein, white, 35, John R. Leatherman, Jr., negro, 35, and John R. Leatherman, Sr., negro, 35, are charged with conspiring to obtain a systematic series of alcohol permits from the Hessig-Smit Drug Co., a drug company but about 20 officers of the police department.

Herlein was arrested 10 days after the case was opened, and after an 11-hour fight with the police.

Leatherman, Sr. was arrested early Wednesday morning.

**DR. AXSON RESIGNS.**  
WASHER, NIFTON, Dec. 31.—Dr. Stouffer Axson, who was elected by the board of trustees of the University of Houston, Texas, to the American Red cross to be its secretary during the war, has resigned from that office and will return to educational work in Houston early in the new year.

**Catholic church and all Catholics are required to attend mass.**

At St. Mary's church, low mass will be said at 6, 7 and 8 a.m., and high mass will be said at 9 o'clock, followed by a sermon appropriate to the feast day.

**STAVALL AT NEW YORK**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(Press-Telegram.)—Stavall, ambassador to Switzerland, arrived here today on a special train from Zurich, via Rotterdam, Bologne and Plymouth. He was accompanied by his wife.

**NEW DEATH THREATENS**

## RA ratification of PEACE

The attention of the council was called to the fact that Hungarian troops had been ordered to leave the border of Hungary, which was given to Austria. The council then decided to send a mission of allied officers to supervise the withdrawal of the troops. The council today agreed upon the result to be made in Switzerland, and a decision for mission of allied officers to supervise the withdrawal of the troops with reservations. The note was then sent to the council.

plete the arrangements which it is thought in council circles ought to precede the exchange ratifications.